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RE: Support for HB2413 and 2414

House Education Committee,

My name is Jon Wehage and I am a Forester with Stimson Lumber Company. I have been involved with the FNRL at Tillamook High School since its inception. Tillamook County is a collection of small communities that are primary natural resource based. It has been nice to see education within the schools which helps students understand what drives their communities.

A quick story of a local project that was executed by the FNRL program at Tillamook High School. The Tillamook Creamery Association had some timbered property behind the Tillamook Cheese Factory which needed management. The FNRL program with cooperation from its advisory committee professionals, was able to plan, implement and execute a harvesting and reforestation plan for this property. The students were involved in all aspects of the project which included hands on layout and replanting of the property. This is an excellent example of programs that provide hands on experience, leadership development and collaborating within their own communities. These are the type of programs that add value to the education system and help make our communities successful.

I ask that you please support HB2413 and HB2414.

Sincerely,

Jon Wehage
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